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Mr. Gene F. Wilson
Information and Privacy Coordinator
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Langley, Virginia

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request that copies of the following materials be provided to me:

- The so-called "Operational Case Studies" referred to on Page 195, Footnote 17, Book 1 of the Final Report of the Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations With Respect to Intelligence Activities, U.S. Senate (Foreign and Military Intelligence). These operational case studies were provided to the Committee on December 16, 1975 and October 21, 1975. It is my understanding from persons employed by the CIA that this collection of material is unique and remains intact. The materials to which I refer were transmitted to the Senate Committee by the so-called "review staff" in an already-sanitized form. Therefore, I trust that there will be no unnecessary delay in fulfilling this request nor should any difficulty arise because of classification considerations.

Information described as follows on Page 181 of the same report: "...the Committee inspected Preces or summaries of all operational relationships since 1951 and then selected over twenty cases for closer inspection. The documents from these some twenty files were selected and screened by the Agency and, by mutual agreement, names of individuals and institutions were removed." Again, because this

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material has already been screened and expurgated, there should be no difficulty in providing it expeditiously.)

Lest there be any confusion about the material I am requesting, I am specifically referring to the "Operational Case Studies" provided to the Committee on December 16, 1975 and October 21, 1975 as described in Footnote 17, Page 195, including any and all "Preces or summaries" as described on Page 181 of the same volume; and the screened documents from "some twenty files", also referred to on Page 181.

In addition I also request that the following information be supplied:

- All the files on which those "Operational Case Studies" were based and which were reported in the records of the review staff; plus those unexpurgated and unsanitized files relating to the same subject which were shown to Senators Tower and Church and Messrs. Bader and Miller of the Committee staff. These documents also are identified in the records of the review staff and, therefore, are easily obtainable.

If security or classification considerations make it impossible for some or all of the material described in the previous paragraph to be provided to me, I in no way waive my right to obtain the material described in the earlier portions of this request.

Sincerely Yours,

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